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SUBJECT: CICR MEETING DECEMBER 19: NATO FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

REF: (A) USNATO 5558; (B) USNATO 5861

SUMMARY: CICR AGREED IN PRINCIPLE ON COMPROMISE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM WHICH IT WILL NOW SUBMIT TO COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL. CIRC MEMBERS HAVE UNTIL JANUARY 4 TO SUGGEST MODIFICATION OF DETAILS. WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT COMMENTS BY THAT DATE.

1. CICR DISCUSSED DETAILS OF COMPROMISE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM ELABORATED BY WORKING GROUP DECEMBER 4. COMMITTEE AGREED TO ELEMENTS OF FRENCH PROPOSAL AS OUTLINED IN REFTEL A, PARAS 1A AND 1C. UNABLE TO AGREE ON NEW CRITERIA FOR CANDIDATES (REFTEL A, PARA 1B), COMMITTEE AGREED TO RETAIN WORDING OLD FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM BROCHURE, PARA 7.

2. COMMITTEE AGREED ON FOLLOWING LIST OF TEN RESEARCH AREAS WITHIN WHICH CANDIDATES CAN PROPOSE SPECIFIC SUBJECTS:

--NATO AFTER A QUARTER CENTURY: ATLANTIC RELATIONS IN THE YEARS AHEAD

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--POLITICAL CONSULTATION IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE

--FINANCING OF THE COMMON DEFENSE NOW AND IN THE YEARS TO COME

--NATO DEFENSE AND THE EUROPEAN MILITARY BALANCE

--THE EVOLUTION OF PARLIAMENTARY ATTITUDES TOWARD NATO IN....

--EAST-WEST RELATIONS

--THE PROBLEM OF MAINTAINING PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR NATO

--SOVIET POLICY TOWARD THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE AND ITS MEMBERS

--THE FUNDAMENTAL REASONS FOR THE ADHERENCE OFTO NATO AND
THEIR CONTINUING VALIDITY

--IMPLICATIONS FOR NATO OF THE ECONOMIC DIFFERENCES AMONG
MEMBER COUNTRIES AND ALLIED ASSISTANCE TO ECONOMICALLY WEAKER
MEMBERS OF NATO

3. CHAIRMAN OF CICR WILL NOW REPORT TO COUNCIL THAT COMMITTEE HAS
AGREED IN PRINCIPLE ON NEW PROGRAM FOR THIS YEAR, BUT WITHOUT
COMMITMENT FOR FUTURE YEARS, AND WITH UNDERSTANDING THAT CICR WILL
MAKE SERIOUS EVALUATION IN YEAR AHEAD; COUNCIL WILL BE ASKED
FOR APPROVAL BY SILENT PROCEDURE. AS FOR DETAILS, MEMBERS OF
CICR WILL BE ABLE TO SUGGEST ANY MODIFICATIONS UNTIL JANUARY 4,
AFTER WHICH BROCHURES AND OTHER MATERIALS WILL BE PRINTED.
NATIONAL AUTHORITIES SHOULD HAVE MATERIALS AROUND END OF JANUARY.

4. COMMITTEE ALSO DISCUSSED BRIEFLY HOW TO SELECT CANDIDATES.
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE SUGGESTED THAT SINCE THERE IS USUALLY
PRE-SELECTION BY ACADEMIC PANEL IN CAPITALS, AND SINCE INTENTION
OF NEW PROGRAM IS TO HAVE BROADER PARTICIPATION AND
TO SERVE BETTER THE INFORMATION NEEDS OF NATO, IT MIGHT BE
BETTER TO HAVE CICR MEMBERS SERVE AS SELECTION PANEL. PORTUGAL,
BELGIUM AND NETHERLANDS AGREED. GERMANY, FRANCE AND ITALY
PREFERRED ACADEMIC OR MIXED PANEL. NO DECISION TAKEN.

5. DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS BY JANUARY 4 WOULD BE APPRECIATED.
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